



PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2003

IN SMITH HALL AT
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11024 AUKE LAKE WAY, JUNEAU
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

DOT&PF will be presenting its preferred alternative to upgrade Glacier Highway in the Auke Bay area. Please plan on coming. Attend the presentation, ask questions and most importantly, give us your opinions and comments. If you have any questions about the project, please call Michael Lukshin, P.E., Project Manager, with the Alaska DOT&PF at 465-4493.

Visit our website: <http://abcor.alaska.gov>

PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC)

The PSC includes staff from DOT&PF, the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ), and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) and provides technical oversight and coordination with the goals and plans of DOT&PF, CBJ and UAS.

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

The CAC is comprised of citizens that represent the Auke Bay community with a wide range of perspectives: *Bill Cole, Dick Deems, Ron Flint, Mark Graves, Steve Ignell, Gary Jenkins, Keith Kelton, Ron Klaudt, Paul Kraft, Nancy Lehnhart, Pepper McCallon, David Newton, Jeff Pilcher, Don Reid, Dick Rountree, Tom Satre, Eric Twelker and Rick Wolfenberger.*

Both the CAC and PSC have been reviewing our work and advising us throughout the project. Their recommendations have been valuable and we incorporated many of their thoughts in the preferred alternative.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUKE BAY?

SEPTEMBER 2003

Since September 2002, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and their consultant, USKH, Inc. (USKH), have been studying how to improve Glacier Highway, between Fritz Cove Road and the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal. We formed a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and a Project Steering Committee (PSC) to gather input about existing problems and future needs on Glacier Highway. We inventoried existing conditions and collecting data on the existing traffic, collisions, roadway geometry, and the environment in the area. We presented an existing condition report and the preliminary draft Purpose and Need statement at an April 3, 2003, public meeting. The Purpose and Need statement describes the reasons DOT&PF is pursuing the project and what needs to be accomplished:

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Auke Bay Corridor project is to improve surface transportation along the Glacier Highway corridor, between Fritz Cove Road and the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal. The improvement should provide sufficient capacity to safely handle the traffic demands for a 20-year design life.

NEED

- Improve the safety of identified intersections and segments.
- Improve the substandard geometric design deficiencies along the existing road alignment.
- Provide more reliable, efficient, convenient, and cost effective movement throughout the corridor.
- Enhance non-motorized access on, off and across the corridor.

Using the preliminary Purpose and Need statement as a guide, we developed seven concepts for improving Glacier Highway. USKH refined three alternatives for further consideration by DOT&PF, the CAC and the PSC. From that group, DOT&PF combined elements of two to select the best plan that meets the needs listed above. The preferred alternative includes both short and long-term improvements. DOT&PF recognizes that there are safety issues that need attention soon. However, we also recognize that we need to address capacity issues in the future. We describe the specific features of the preferred alternative below and graphically on the project area map (see inside).

SHORT-TERM

- Construct a roundabout at the Fritz Cove Road, UAS south entrance, and Glacier Highway intersection.
- Use a two-lane section through Auke Bay but add a left turn lane for NOAA lab.
- Construct sidewalks on both sides of Glacier Highway from Fritz Cove Road to the Spaulding Meadows Trail parking lot.
- Construct a roundabout at the Glacier Highway and Back Loop Road intersection
- Correct safety and sight distance deficiencies near the Auke Bay Post Office and at the Stablers Point curves.

LONG-TERM

- Plan a complete bypass of the Auke Bay community starting at Industrial Blvd., along the east side of Pedersen Hill, crossing Back Loop Road at Goat Hill and connecting to Glacier Highway near Auke Nu Creek.
- Add a connection from the bypass to Back Loop Road at the north UAS access.
- Use a roundabout at the Back Loop Road, north UAS access and bypass connector intersection.
- Add sidewalks to both sides of Back Loop Road from Glacier Highway to the bypass connector and on the bypass connector to the UAS/National Guard Joint Use facility.
- Add a seawalk/multi-use path on the waterside from the Spaulding Meadows Trailhead to the ferry terminal.